MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) All the Executives of ITDC, irrespective of their area of posting, are treated at par with the Central Government Officers in the matter of performance of duties on national holidays.

Settlement of Pay Scales in I.T.D.C.

1780. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not settling the pay scale issue of executives and staff of I.T.D.C. who fall under Industrial Dearness Allowance as per Mishra Commission's recommendation on Public Sector Undertaking's Pay scales; and

(b) what are the reasons for not enhancing the dearness allowance of staff and executives of I.T.D.C.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Pay scales of ITDC executives/Non Executives borne on Central D.A. pattern and appointed prior to 1.1.1989 in the Corporation have been revised as per recommendation of the High Powered Committee (Mishra Commission) with effect from 1.1.1986.

The question of grant of Industrial D.A. and related revised pay scales to employees (both Executives and Non Executives) appointed in ITDC on or after 1.1.1989 is under consideration.

Uniforms for Air Hostesses for VVIP Flights

1781. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy relating to uniforms to Air India air hostesses has not changed since 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to substandard quality of uniforms being supplied to Air India hostesses, Air India management does not permit them to wear the same on VVIP Flights; and

(c) whether good quality kanjeevaram silk, printed silk and patola silk sarees have been purchased in the open market and supplied to Air India hostesses operating the VVIP flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sarees provided as uniform to air hostesses in Air India are of good quality silk manufactured by the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation.

(c) New set of uniform is provided for VVIP Flights. However, the cost of these sarees is less than the sarees provided for regular use.

Foreign Tourists to Darjeeling and Sikkim

1782. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of foreign tourists visited Darjeeling and Sikkim during the last five years;

(b) what was the amount of foreign exchange earned through those tourists; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to promote such visits of foreign tourists in these places?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) According to the figures furnished by the respective State Governments the estimated number of foreign tourists who visited Darjeelling and Sikkim during the last 5 years are as given below:

Year	Foreign Tourist Visits	
	Darjeeling	Sikkim
1987	1096	1902
1988	1940	2122
1989	13363	1838
1990	20642	4709
1991	14600	6000

(b) Estimates of foreign exchange earning from tourists are not compiled place wise and state wise.

The development of tourism in any particular place is primarily the responsibility of the State Government